Mr. John E. Reilly Executive Director The Chicago Council on Foreign Relations 116 South Michigan Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60603

Dear John:

Thank you for your letter of May 7, and especially for your friendly remarks. It would be a pleasure and honor to appear at an off-the record session before the Chicago Committee.

As a related item, Jim Hoge of the Sun Times is in touch with my assistant, Mr. Angus Thuermer, regarding a possible combined, background gettogether with the editorial people at the Sun Times and the Daily News. It would be convenient, of course, if I could meet with both groups in the course of a single Chicago visit. I will have Mr. Thuermer get in touch with you by phone to see if something can be worked out either in June or the fall.

Thank you for the literature on the Chicago Council, although I must charge you with being a bit overly modest to think we don't know about the Council back here on your friendly Eastern shore.

Sincerely,

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W. E. Colby Director

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